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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DEMILITARIZE AND DISPOSE OF BAHRAIN
DEFENCE FORCE HELICOPTER AIRFRAMES

REF: DOD 5105.38-M: SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT
MANUAL (CHAPTER 8)

¶1. The Bahrain Defense Force General Headquarters requests U.S. Government permission to demilitarize and dispose of three (3) TAH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopter airframes.

¶2. The aircraft arrived to Bahrain on 16 November 2004. The U.S. Army serial numbers for these airframes are:

¶A. 76-22572
¶B. 76-22607
¶C. 76-22712

¶3. Many components and repair parts for this type of aircraft are no longer available for purchase and repairs are cost prohibitive. All serviceable components have been removed from these aircraft for repair of other aircraft in Bahrain's fleet. The remaining airframes are no longer useful.

¶4. Bahrain acquired and refurbished the three (3) TAH-1P helicopters under Foreign Military Sales case BA-B-UFX using national funds.

¶5. The original acquisition value of the aircraft is not specified in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA). The BDF paid \$300,000 for defense services to refurbish of each aircraft. The airframes have no known remaining value other than scrap.

¶6. The Bahrain Defense Force is prepared to demilitarize the airframes in accordance with the instructions from Department of Defense Manual 4160.21-M-1, pages A4-33 through A4-34 and A7-44. The demilitarization process will be observed by a member of the U.S. Office of Military Cooperation.

¶7. Bahrain would like to dispose of these aircraft as soon as possible, but not later than 31 July 2009.

¶8. Following demilitarization, the airframes will be sold as scrap metal with estimated proceeds of no more than \$900 each (\$2700 total).

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